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Are you missing Japanese cherry blossoms, *sakura*?

On the 26th of March, we KUFSA held cherry blossom Viewing events (*Hanami*) at Kamado Shrine near Dazaifu. Sakura usually comes out between late March and April in Japan. Unfortunately, the cherry blossoms were not in full bloom in Fukuoka at that time. But we enjoyed eating, drinking and listening to the orchestra performance by Japan Ground Self-Defense Force 4th Division with family, friends and co-workers under the sakura. Of course, I know some people enjoy feasting rather than looking at the sakura anyways.

Not only International students but also most of the Japanese students don't know that sakura has another image. In the Japanese mentality, this short period of full bloom and the beauty of these cherry blossoms are often metaphorically compared to human life. Japanese people love cherry blossoms not only because they are beautiful but also because they only bloom for a very short period.

Next year, watch the sakura imaging the fragility it has. Then, the sakura may seem even more beautiful to you than before.



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Disaster Drill 2015

Tawheed kibria, Bangladesh



I'm Mohammad Tawheed Kibria, in short Tawheed, from Bangladesh. Currently I am studying Master course here in Kyushu University (Chikushi Campus). My major is Molecular and Material science. Apart from academic details, I like hanging out with friends, travelling, watching movies, photography and crazy about cricket.

On May 2015, KUFSA organized a half-day disaster drill trip to Fukuoka Disaster Prevention Centre and I would like to express my thanks, as it was a highly meaningful and timely event. This trip gave me an opportunity to make friends with new people from different corners of the world and also provided a much-welcomed relief from the scheduled daily life. It was a great way to spend the weekend with amazing people.

This trip was very important and thrilling for me mainly because of the stimulations of natural disasters that we got to experience and also learnt how to deal with it, if unfortunately one should occur. Some examples that were exciting and educative at the same time were the earthquake and typhoon simulations. I was thrilled by the accuracy of these stimulations. After the disaster prevention centre, we went to a spectacular beach called Momochi. We got to enjoy a perfect sunset along with beach games and snacks.

Apart from this trip, I would like to express my deepest condolences for the victims of Nepal earthquake and pray that they recover soon from that lethal natural calamity.



KUFSA Volleyball Tournament 2015

That day was perfect for volleyball. On

May 23rd, "KUFUSA Volleyball tournament 2015" was held at Ito campus. 8 teams participated in the tournament, and the teams were consists of international and Japanese students.

When I arrived at the gymnasium, many teams practiced eagerly, and I thought "Oh, no! They seem to play volleyball well.... It isn't easy for us to win!!" to see it. Then I felt blue during practice. But when the game began, the feeling faded away just a moment! All players did a good game and all of them looked fun. A happy big cheering sounded through the gymnasium. In particularly, the encouragement of the team "Los Panchos" was cheerful as flesh as daisy. Their support cheered us up even though we were a opponent.

We finished 6 games, and 4 teams (Hakozaki, K.O., Dharmony, What's up) which participated in the semifinals was decided.



They did the high level plays in the match, and team Hakozaki and K.O. went into finals. The match was white-knuckle game! We all were excited and cheered it. And all the games were finished. As a result, team K.O. came up a little short. Yes, team Hakozaki won the championship!!! Congratulations!!!

After the tournament, the championship team (Hakozaki) and runner up team (K.O.) and best support team (Los Panchos) were commended. And finally we took a photograph together.

As an aside, our team was able to never win and furthermore I got a big blue bruise on right arm by collision with the volleyball!!! It never rains but it pours!!! But I think this bruise will remind me that splendid day until this bruise is cured. I think not only me but also the all participants could have a good day and build a good friendship. That's special experience. I thank people of KUFSA which planned the event and all participants. Finally, I'll win in the next year!!!



Haruka Eitoku, Japan



We 日本



Yoko Kitagawa, Japan

Do you love Ramen? If so, you are in the right place!! Ramen can be described as a soul food of Japan and is loved by people of all ages throughout the nation. Fukuoka is especially famous for its delicious Tonkotsu (Pork bone broth) ramen, 'Hakata Ramen', and 'Kurume Ramen'. You can eat ramen 24-7, sometimes for as cheap as 280 yen, which attracts many people to casually stop by and eat after work or after drinking!!

Never tried real ramen yet?!

Don't worry! Here are a few guidelines that can help!

HOW TO Order Ramen

1. Ramen shops with ticket vending machine

- ① If you find vending machine at the entrance buy the tickets before getting seated.
- ② Hand the tickets to the waiter and take a seat.
- ③ Wait for the ramen to be served....
- ④ Enjoy your meal and you are free to go whenever you finish☺

2. Ramen shops without ticket vending machine

- ① The waitress will guide you to your seat.
- ② Call the waiter and order ramen from the menu at the table.
- ③ The ramen will be served and the check will be placed at the table when everything has been served.
- ④ Take the check to the register counter or hand it to the waiter to pay.

*Terms to use when ordering...

Harigane (extra firm) / **Barikata** (very firm) / **Kata** (firm) / **Futsuu** (normal) / **Yawa** (soft)

In Fukuoka many people prefer their noodles to be firm (al dente) so give it a try ordering either *Barikata* or *Katamen*.
(Hope you like it!)

Famous Ramen shops in Fukuoka

1. Ichiran (Tenjin area)
2. Ippudou (Tenjin area)
3. Hakata Daruma (Watanabe street)
4. Ganso Nagahamaya (Akasaka area)
5. Hakata Ikkousha (Hakata area)

*These places are relatively expensive
(700~1000yen)

Fukuoka is also famous for its 'Yatai'. Yatai is a food wagon that sells great ramen, alcohol, yakitori and many other delicious dishes. It is not for take-out and everyone is seated at the counter where you can have fun conversations with strangers sitting by you. If you have a chance, stop by and enjoy the cozy and unique atmosphere of the Yatais in Fukuoka!!

*Note: Mainly located in Tenjin / Nakasu area.

Good Ramen Shops near Hakozaki Campus

●Akanoren (赤のれん)

--Great location! Right near Hakozaki Kydaimae Subway Station!

●Hakata Ramen (博多ラーメン)

--Cheap ramen (around 300yen!!) near Boxtown-Lumier!

●Hanayama (花山)

--Only Yatai nearby!! Right across from Hakozaki Shrine!!



Have fun exploring the deep and wonderful world of ramen!!

Traveling all over Japan trying different types of ramen is another fun way to enjoy your stay in Japan!

Just be careful because you may put on a few pounds along the way! ☺

Arigatougozaimashita~ 4



Emani Stanford

Half a year later, we catch up with the former king and queen of KUFSA International Friendship Party 2014 on their fashion style. Emani Stanford, is an exchange student from Arizona University. Her style is modern, hiphop oriented. Joonho's style is dandy! He also likes Korean style.

The both prefer to shop online when in Japan. Apart from Japan's amazing technology, it is al-so known for its keen sense of fashion.

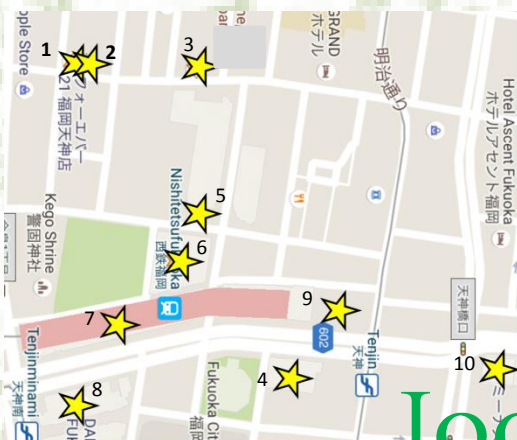
Everybody you meet on the streets will always look well dressed, even if not stylish. There are malls in almost every small town with a great variety of clothing shops stacking the latest sea-son and with a great range of price to fit every pocket.

-Cover Page Models-

Notable fashion malls in Fukuoka include: Hakata City, Canal city and Marinoa city (Meinohama). Whatever you are looking for, you cannot miss.

Tenjin wins the fashion capital of Fukuoka(please check the map). Here you can find everything from the high end designer fashion in department stores like Iwataya⁵, Daimaru⁸ and Mitsukoshi⁷ to cheaper modern western s-tyle like H&M², Forever 21¹ and Zara³.

For a great range of sizes in Japanese shops, Shimamu-ra is highly recommended.



4 : Tenjin Core

6 : Solaria Plaza

9 : Fukuoka PARCO

10 : Mina Tenjin
(UNIQULU, Shimamura,
100-kin....are included)



Joonho Lee

Information from the International Student and Researcher Support Center

外国人留学生・研究者サポートセンターからのお知らせ

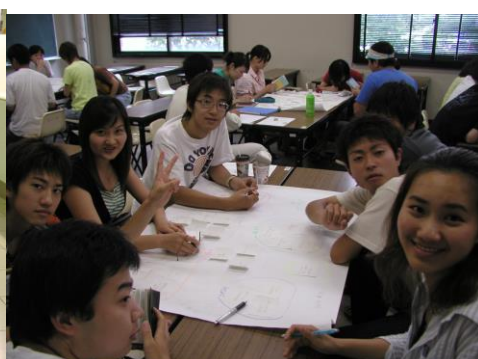
新入留学生サポートチームを募集します！

Recruitment for the International Student Support Team!

2015年10月に入学する留学生のサポートチームを大募集！！留学生サポートチームは、九州大学に新たに入学する留学生の皆さんが、スムーズに福岡での生活をスタートできるように、九州大学の日本人学生や留学生により、学部・学府ごとに編成されたチームです。

We are now looking for the support team to help and assist new international students coming from October, 2015. Every school/graduate school has an international student support team which consists of Kyushu University Japanese students and international students who have already stayed in Fukuoka, and they assist new international students to start their new life in Fukuoka smoothly.

留学生の皆さんからの応募をお待ちしています！詳しくはサポートセンターウェブサイトをチェック！！
We hope you all apply and join us! Please check more information at Support Center Website!!



外国人留学生・研究者サポートセンターについて

Information of the International Student and Researcher Support Center

International Student and Researcher Support Center has been established for international students and researchers to start off your studies or research activities smoothly. Please feel free to contact us when you have any questions or problems.

We extend you our best wishes for your pleasant stay in Fukuoka and fruitful studies and research at Kyushu University.

Website

We are providing various information regarding campus facilities, immigration procedures, and events/news for foreign residents in Fukuoka through this website.

We hope that you will check our website regularly and get useful information.

Business hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Hospital campus: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and New Year Holidays

Location

Japanese: <http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/contact>

English: <http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/contact>

Please check more information at Support Center Website!!
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/>



Coming Soon...

#KUFSAOffCampus

Want **YOUR** photo to feature on this space on the **NEXT** newsletter?

Get your **camera** ready and watch out for the first ever **KUFSA** newsletter **photography** contest to be announced on our Facebook page.

Captured next to Futamiguara, off Ito Campus
Wasu Mekratanaworakul
*B4, System Engineering, Department of
 Mechanical Engineering*

Fukuoka Friendly Club Event Schedules 2015

7/1	The Star Festival	12/2	Tea Ceremony
10/7	Japanese Class	1/13	Mini New Year Party
10/14	Culture Exchange	2/3	Calligraphy
11/4	Bazaar(12:30~14:30)	3/2	the Doll's Festival

Place : Annex of International Student Center

Host : Fukuoka Friendly Club

Activity : Japanese Class (Every Wednesday 13:00~14:30), Tea Time(Once a Month 13:30~16:00)

Contact : 090-7395-2575 Ooe (大江), 080-5607-7535 Yamakawa (山川)

**NEXT
EVENT**

KUFSA Badminton tournament

Saturday 11th July 2015

KUFSA Bus Trip

Saturday 25th- Sunday 26th July 2015

Waiting for you!!!

We hope you can be part of a fruitful year for KUFSA
With you always, KUFSA. Please feel free to contact us at

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